



The Union Connection

December 18, 2022

Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living
through loving, learning, listening, and leading.

The Union Connection is the weekly email newsletter of Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Franklin, Indiana; provided to our congregation, as well as to family and friends who are interested in knowing what is happening within the life of our congregation. Individuals can sign-up to receive this email or remove themselves from the distribution list, as they desire, by clicking the appropriate link at the bottom of this page.

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'Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.'

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Ministry Teams



Charlie Canary, Chair

December Outreach
Opportunity

The Outreach Opportunity



Lori Sewell, Chair

The Discipleship Ministry Team will be looking at new ways to serve in the coming year and would like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas.**



Karen Bauman, Chair

Advent through Christmas

for December is our participation in the Angel Tree program to help the needy in our community.

Merry Christmas
from the Christian Action
Ministry Team!



Building Project Updates

The installation of the AC/Heaters and the new high efficiency boiler system is complete. Beeson Mechanical is waiting on a computer board to finish the project.

The church Board has voted to accept the recommendation of the Building Project Committee to enter into a contract with Force Technology Solutions for the purchase and installation of new audio/video/live streaming equipment. When we know more about the timing of the installation, we will make that information available.

We will hold off on improvements for the parking lot until early next spring.

Stay tuned for further updates.

Blessings!
Pastor Parky

Thanks for your help this past year.



Needed at church:

Fireplace tools for the shelter, i.e. the poker, tongs and brush set



Serving
Calendar



**Serving
December 18th**

Elders:

Becky Canary
Joe Wells

Deacons:

G - Lisa Wallace
O - Sandy Owens
C - Andy Duckworth
Alt - Marty Sewell

Worship Leader:

Cliff Ronk

**Serving
December 25th**

We are holding two **Christmas Eve** services this year. The early service will be at 5:00 p.m. and the late service is at 11:00 p.m. on Dec. 24th.

There will be **NO Sunday school** Christmas Day, Dec. 25th. **Merry Christmas** to all.



Birthdays:

18 - Rick Paris
22 - Gerald Smith

Anniversaries:

**Only one more
week until
Christmas!**



Sermon 12/18

Appeared in a Dream

**Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25**

Synopsis:

Are you a dreamer? What kind of dreams do you dream? Do you daydream about things that you would like to accomplish or about places that you would like to



Greeting Card Ministry

If you enjoy sending cards to others, here is your chance to be a part of the ministry of this church. Below are names and addresses of individuals who would appreciate receiving a card from someone in the church:

Jill Lightle
1945 Crescent St.
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Mitchell
1282 W SR 252
Trafalgar, IN 46181

Pat Hogan/Ray Von Burg
295 Village Ln., Apt. 200
Greenwood, IN 46143

Nancy Hunt
Compass Park,
GA 2350,
890 Freemason Parkway,
Franklin, IN 46131

Brenda Haler/Iva Shaw
1375 S. Center Ln.
Franklin, IN 46131



DW News

The next regular meeting of the Disciples Women will be on Thursday, January 12th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
John White

Deacons:

G - Mark Graham
O - Susie Hayes
C - Carole Graham
Alt - Judy Wells

Worship Leader:

Donna Wischart

Links of Interest



[Union Christian website](#)

[Union Christian Facebook page](#)

[Union Christian YouTube Channel](#)

[Disciples of Christ in Indiana](#)

[Disciples of Christ General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

[Johnson County Indiana website](#)

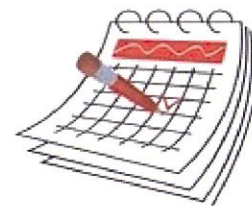
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see? Do you have amazingly astounding dreams at night and remember them when you awake in the morning? Even then, do you consider them to be a vision of something you should be doing?

As we approach Christmas, we all know about the angel, Gabriel, who appeared first to Mary and then to her betrothed, Joseph. In fact, Gabriel appeared to Joseph four different times. We don't know if Joseph was daydreaming or if these dreams occurred at night but nonetheless, there were four separate dreams.

How would you respond to God if He sent an angel to you in your dream – at night or in the daytime? Would you run from God or run to God; fulfilling whatever God needed from you through this dream? Thankfully, Joseph was a God-fearing man who believed what the angel told him.

Pastor Mark



This Week's Calendar

[Online calendar](#)

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Tuesday

at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All ladies are invited and welcome!

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<https://unionchristiandoc.org>

News to watch for...



Still to Come in December

Christmas Eve services

Coming in January

Sermon Series on S.H.A.P.E.

Ministry Team meetings

DW meeting

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Advent Book Study on Zoom

Saturday

5 p.m. and 11 p.m. -
Christmas Eve services



DM News

The next meeting of the Disciples Men will be on February 11th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

All men of the church are welcome and come hungry.